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*Grant of annual subsidies to the Madras Medical Council.*

* 99 *Q.*—Dr. P. S. SRINIVASAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have been granting annual subsidies to the Madras Medical Council to meet the deficit in the budget of the Council; and

(*b*) whether the same has been paid this year also?

The Hon. Dr. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) Orders sanctioning the payment of grant for 1949–50 have been issued."

*Working of the Firka Development Scheme.*

* 100 *Q.*—Sri M. NARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Rural Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether Sri G. Ramachandran, Secretary, All-India Village Industries Association, has submitted his report about the working of the Firka Development Scheme;

(*b*) whether the Government have accepted all the suggestions made by him;

(*c*) whether it is proposed to implement the scheme *in toto* or in part; and

(*d*) whether a copy of the report of Sri G. Ramachandran will be placed on the table of the House?

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) The Government have already accepted some of the suggestions made by Sri G. Ramachandran. Some others are under consideration.

" (*c*) The hon. Member is presumably referring to the suggestions made by Sri G. Ramachandran. They are being examined and such of the suggestions as can be accepted will be implemented.

" (*d*) Copies of the report[a] of Sri G. Ramachandran are placed on the table of the House."

Janab K. T. M. AHAMED IBRAHIM :—" In view of the fact that the report runs to 26 pages, it will require time to study it and put supplementary questions. I would therefore suggest that this question might be postponed."

Mr. PRESIDENT :—" You asked for the report. You got it. That is all."

Sri M. NARAYANA RAO :—" May I know how far the Government have taken action on the suggestions?"

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Some of the suggestions are important ones and are for the expansion of the scheme over different areas. They have been implemented.

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[a] Printed as Appendix on II pages 1069–1094 infra.

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Some other suggestions are being examined. If the Government think that they should be accepted, they would implement them."

SRI M. NARAYANA RAO :—" Are the Government aware that there must be a lot of co-operation and co-ordination between the various departments and may I ask whether the Government will go into the matter?"

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" That is being done."

SRI M. NARAYANA RAO :—" Have the Government issued necessary instructions to other departments to ensure better co-ordination and co-operation between the various departments?"

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Yes, Sir. We have issued instructions."

SRI M. NARAYANA RAO :—" Will the suggestions for the development of the Firka Development Department be implemented?"

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" They are being examined by the Government."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" Is the Hon. Minister aware that there is lack of co-ordination among the various departments?"

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" No, Sir."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" Then, how can the Hon. Minister say that co-ordination is being effected?"

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" The Government are aware that there is co-ordination. The department is in its initial stages and a lot of dust and cobwebs have to be cleaned up before long. In course of time, there should be ample co-ordination of all the departments."

JANAB K. T. M. AHAMED IBRAHIM :—" The Hon. Minister said that the department is in its initial stages. Then, may I ask how did he allow a lot of dust and cobwebs to accumulate even in its initial stages?"

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" It was on account of the neglect of the previous Government, Sir."

JANAB K. T. M. AHAMED IBRAHIM :—"Is the Government aware that there was no Firka Development Department during the regime of the previous Government?"

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" That is exactly the reason why this Government have taken up this question and are doing what they can and what is possible."

JANAB K. T. M. AHAMED IBRAHIM :—" Since there was no Firka Development Scheme at all during the previous Government, there was no question of cobwebs and dust accumulating in the initial stages. That was my question, Sir."

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THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" The previous British Government did not take so much interest in the village uplift work as it is being done by the Congress Government. Now, we have set apart about a crore of rupees for this uplift work. We are concentrating our attention upon village uplift work. With this object in view we have started a separate department to go into the question. Therefore we have got to speed up the work."

SRI M. NARAYANA RAO :—" Have the Government decided to extend the scheme to other firkas?"

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" The Government have accepted to extend the scheme to more firka areas in about 100 villages."

SRI M. NARAYANA RAO :—" When will work start in the extended firkas?"

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" As early as possible."

*Launching of prosecutions under the control orders.*

* 101 *Q.*—SRI B. BHIMA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Food be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any discretion is given according to the present rules to the Collectors of districts not to launch prosecutions under the various control orders relating to foodgrains or rationing rules in petty and trivial or deserving cases where there is no intention to disobey and indulge in blackmarketing;

(*b*) if not, whether the Government have under consideration the question of permitting the Collectors of districts to use their discretion in launching such prosecution?

THE HON. SRI J. L. P. ROCHE VICTORIA :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) In view of answer to clause (*a*), this does not arise."

*Distribution of iron, steel and galvanized sheets.*

* 102 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) the quantity of iron and steel and galvanized iron sheets received from January 1949 up to the end of September 1949;

(*b*) the quantity that has been allotted for agricultural purposes; and

(*c*) how it has been distributed among the various districts?

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI (on behalf of Hon. the Minister for Industries) :—" (*a*) 12,106 tons of iron and steel and 2,087 tons of galvanized iron sheets.

" (*b*) 4,390 tons of iron and steel and 499 tons of galvanized iron sheets.